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Packed engineering classes upset grad students

By Anne Ward
Daily Staff Writer

Pleas from some engineering graduate students resonated the walls of the small waiting room in the engineering department last Wednesday, where they gathered to convince administrators to create additional sections of

four required core courses.

The group shared stories of ways students have tried to add the engineering courses. Some said they had seen students write the words "I beg you" on the add sheet.

"We're working on (adding sections)," said Javad (Jim) Dorosti, director of graduate studies and

research. "We can't just snap our fingers and make it happen."

The masters of science in Engineering program requires all students to complete four core courses — engineering analysis, systems engineering, engineering management and engineering reports — within their first 12 units of study.

The problem, students say, is that there are not enough sections of each course to accommodate the number of students wanting them.

"We're waiving that requirement under the circumstances," Dorosti said. "We're allowing them to take more electives in those first 12 units."

"The actions that (Dorosti) is con-

templating should have been taken weeks and months ago, not when the semester has already started," said one student, via e-mail who asked not to be named for this article.

According to some graduate students trying to enroll, as many as 120 people showed up last Wednesday for one section of the engineering analysis

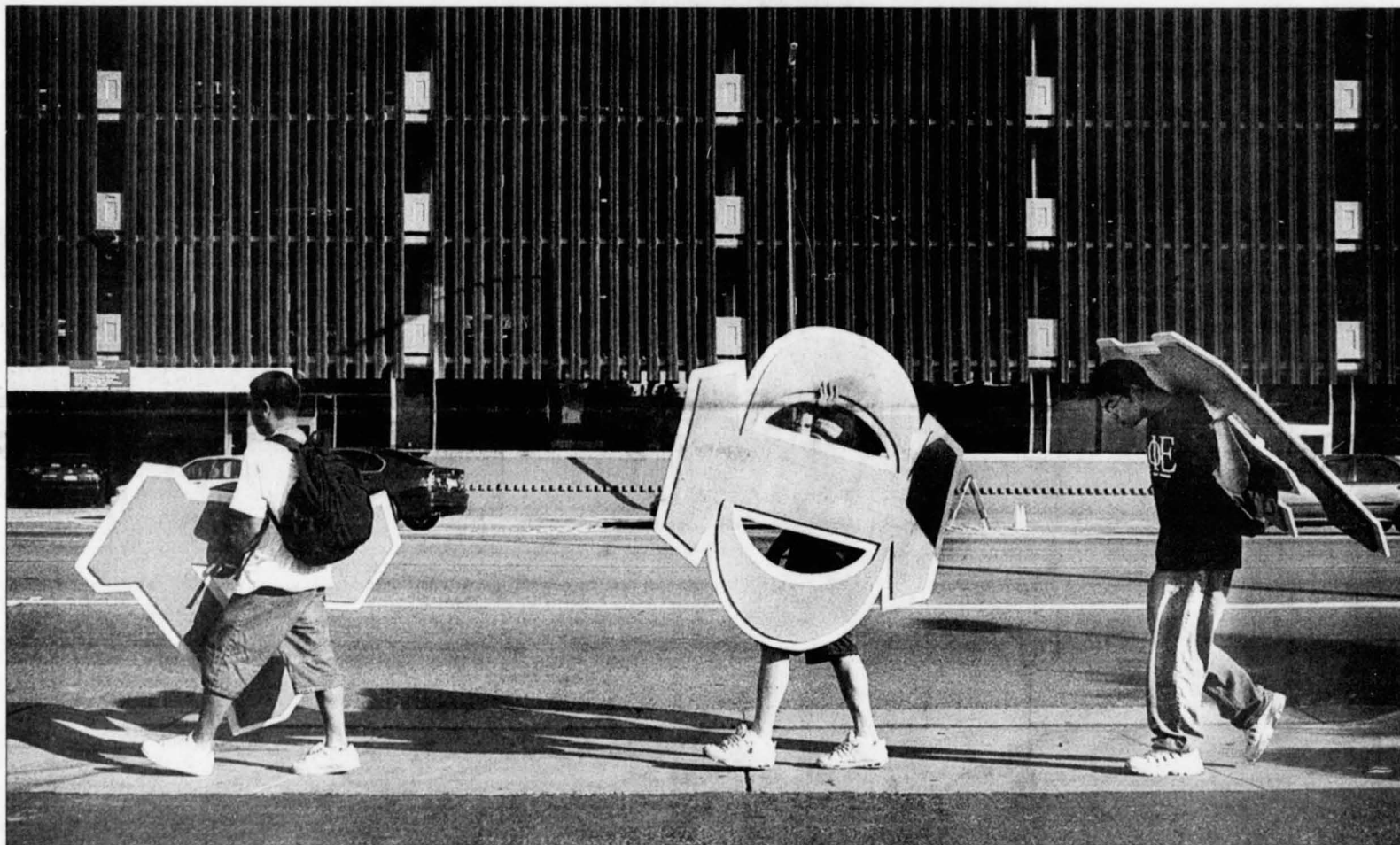
class, a class that can accept a maximum of 45.

"We cannot house more students than that (in one class)," Dorosti said. "Due to (administrative) rules, fire regulations and other requirements."

After being instructed to leave

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RUSH, DON'T WALK



By Devin O'Donnell
Daily Staff Writer

When senior Andrew Erlichman, a political science major, approaches students for this fall semester Greek Life rush, one of the things he asks students as he hands them information is, "Hey, want to buy a friend?"

As last year's treasurer and current vice president of Sigma Chi fraternity, Erlichman knows about the "buying-your-friends" stigma attached to Greek Life, but said it is untrue.

According to Greek members, dues can vary from \$75 to \$600 per month. Erlichman said Greek Life dues do not go to frivolous expenses such as alcohol for parties.

He said that events like parties only happen twice a semester for each fraternity, and that the dues go toward cleaning supplies, food, philanthropy, and other events.

"It's wrong to think that we can really buy our friends. No one can ever put a price on a friend," Erlichman said, "and that's what I tell them. It costs to be part of any organization, but the friendships we come away with are priceless."

Junior Ashley Miller, a mathematics major and a member of Delta Gamma sorority for her second semester, said sorority life never appealed to her until she started hanging out with a member.

"When I first heard of the sorority (Delta Gamma) I didn't think I wanted any part of a bunch of stuck-up girls," Miller said. "One day the Delta Gamma girls on my cheerleading squad invited me over to their house. I saw how tight their friendships were, like sisters, and I wanted to join."

Though Miller never had the experience of formally rushing in the fall semester, as a member now she has the experience to see

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ABOVE, Bobby Yee, Ken Tsukamoto and Mark Dandan of Lambda Phi Epsilon carry their fraternity letters in preparation for rush week, which continues through Friday.

LEFT, Paco Vallejo of Nu Alpha Kappa fraternity gets to know Tik Sorishow in front of the Student Union last Wednesday.

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Laptop program boots up

New initiative will include three campus departments

By Justine DaCosta
Daily Staff Writer

Pens and pencils are becoming as obsolete as eight-track players as more and more academic departments across the nation begin implementing laptop computers into their curriculum.

San Jose State University has decided to jump on the technology bandwagon and join forces with Apple computers to create a laptop project aimed at creating a wireless world on campus.

The school of art and design, the department of educational administration and higher education, and the school of journalism and mass communications are part of a pilot program at SJSU that will require students to own laptops and appropriate software.

According to Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno, associate vice president of academic technology, the Academic Senate recently approved funds for one year of the pilot program.

With funds in place, SJSU can begin laying the groundwork for the project, including the creation of access points and the installation of underground cable that will connect the access points to one another.

"Wireless environments are becoming the norm," Gorney-Moreno said. "San Jose State is following a national trend."

According to Barbara Gottesman, chair of administration and higher education, classrooms should be wireless by October and students in certain departments will be required to bring their laptops to class by fall 2003.

This semester, students in the educational leadership department and child development department are required to own computers, as are upper-division students who are entering into the bachelor of fine arts program.

"All students (at this level) already have computers and if they don't, they should," said Robert Milnes, director of the school of art and design.

Although most students involved in the pilot program won't be required to have laptops until fall of next year, certain professors may implement the computers into classes as early as spring 2003.

"It's going to be live," Gorney-Moreno said.

According to Phyllis Lindstrom, a professor in the department of educational administration and higher education, the project will allow professors to gear their instruction toward student needs.

"The laptop project will allow us to cease those wonderful teaching moments," Lindstrom said. "We can say, 'Let's look at this right now.'"

Apple donated laptops to the faculty in the pilot program and, according to Gorney-Moreno, professors have been attending workshops aimed at teaching them their new software and bringing them up to speed with the new technology.

"It's fun to see the faculty get so excited," Gorney-Moreno said. "Students and teachers are going to be able to interact more easily."

The goal of the project is to create a wireless network that is intended to

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SJSU curriculum praised for diverse requirements

By Lea Bevins
Daily Staff Writer

Diversity is found all around this campus and is often incorporated into the curriculum, according to a recent article in Diversity Digest.

People from a variety of ethnic backgrounds and different upbringings attend San Jose State University. The university's focus on diversity is highlighted, as well as its advanced general education requirements.

"The process of curricular change at SJSU began in the early 1980s when faculty and administration acknowledged the increasing diversity of the student body and subsequently the need for diversity in the curriculum," according to the article.

While having a diverse campus may often add to students' educational

experience, it can also cause problems.

"Increasing racial diversity also increases racial tension," said Peter Chua, assistant professor of sociology.

This may be one of the reasons university officials decided to implement the advanced GE requirements. Two of these requirements, area "S" and area "V," focus on diversity in society and on cultural understanding.

The advanced GE classes became a graduation requirement in 1998 and are unique to SJSU.

"I think it's definitely great that different students can get a lot wider perspective," Chua said.

He said he hopes by teaching students about diversity, they will be encouraged to work with diverse community organizations after they graduate.

Multicultural clubs and other types of diversity organizations on campus try to help educate students in a creative way about being in a diverse environment.

"We try to have events and programs that are sponsored by other groups on campus so we can learn about their culture, and they can learn about ours," said Aaron Baskin, president of the Jewish Student Union and a junior majoring in economics.

Even within the multicultural groups or other organizations, the members form a diverse group.

"Our group is pretty diverse. We attract different nationalities and backgrounds," said Somali Rahman, a member of the Muslim Student Association and a senior health science major. "That's what I like about it. It's just really open."

Both the advanced GE classes and the diversity groups try to help students have a more positive attitude about the diversity on campus and in society. Some students believe the classes are helpful ways to accomplish this.

"The best way to fight discrimination and hatred on campus is to educate," Baskin said.

Rahman said she had a positive experience in one of her advanced GE courses and feels it made the students in the class aware of each other's differences, as well their similarities.

"I really enjoyed that class and learned a lot about different cultures," Rahman said. "It brought us together."

Other people believe that having the advanced GE classes are not

enough when it comes to educating students about diversity.

"The students are missing out on taking ethnic studies classes," said Adriana Cabrera-Garcia, community liaison of the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan and a senior majoring in public relations with a minor in Mexican-American Studies.

She said she feels that taking the advanced GE courses can help bring students from different backgrounds together, though the university needs to require additional studies on specific cultures.

According to the article, SJSU has not ruled out the possibility of creating an ethnic studies requirement in the future.

One group that may not be as well

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opposing views:

Is cloning humans for organ harvesting morally acceptable?

YES | Cloning for organs can save countless lives

Cloning has had a bad name since Dolly the sheep was created. Some think it is unethical because cloning is not in keeping with the natural process of creation. Others worry that a copy of the original is imperfect and can malfunction in time. These people are being selfish and looking directly past a very important technique that could easily save countless lives. The need for an organ transplant is a frequent killer in humans. When an organ fails, such as a kidney, liver, or heart, the patient is placed on a lengthy waiting list to find an organ for him or her that is perfectly compatible.

"For anyone who is concerned about this process being unethical, consider that the necessary organ is the only thing being cloned."



ALLISON M. FOLEY

This can be a long and arduous process because donors and recipients, in addition to having the same blood type, should be close in age and possibly weight so the organ has a smaller chance of being rejected by the recipient. If the appropriate donor is found, the recipient must then go on drugs that prevent the body from possible rejection of its replacement organ. According to a May 1999 issue of Scientific American magazine, "In perhaps the most dramatic example, the American Heart Association reports that only 2,300 of 40,000 Americans who needed a new heart in 1997 got one." This means that the rest of those Americans slowly waited for their organs to fail while sitting on an ineffective waiting list. Many of the people making up this statistic are dead now, and those making up the 2,300 who received new organs undoubtedly have experienced complications, or will at some time in their lives. Lives are shortened regardless of the transplanted organ because an artificial organ is never 100 percent cooperative. Enter the cloning of organs. This is a process that ensures a perfect replica of the organ that needs to be replaced. Because the word "clone" means to make a copy of, according to the Merriam Webster dictionary, those in need of a new organ will get something that is an exact copy of their organ that malfunctioned. This will minimize the need for drugs that ensure the organ is accepted. It will also cause the patient minimal, if any, continued stress. Cloning organs guarantees everyone who is in need of a replacement will get one. Those who are against this process need to lay their fear of new medical changes and advancements aside, and think about the well being of others. For anyone who feels unsure about this up-and-coming medical technology, consider the process involved. According to the Scientific American article, genetic information from existing organs is taken and implanted in the person who is in need of the new organ. The replacement organ then grows right in the recipient's body. For anyone who is concerned about this process being unethical, consider that the necessary organ is the only thing being cloned. This way, no side effects occur, nor are there questions about what would happen with other extraneous parts that were cloned and not needed. To further squelch any doubts about whether organ cloning should become a routine medical practice, consider it as a useful solution for those with irreparable damage to their spine. In addition, cloning can assist people who are unable to have children. With organ cloning's ability to change the lives of people who could be dead without it, I don't see why anyone would be opposed to a medical breakthrough that has the potential to save lives.

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warehouse will come to define us as humans, whether we like it or not. I can just hear the conversation now, "Yeah, Jim's liver has been failing him lately ... it looks like he might need a transplant." "How horrible, I'm so sorry." "Oh, it's okay, we've got four more Jim's in the basement freezer ready to go ... no worries." Is this really what we've come to as a society, and more importantly, is this what we want — exact replicas of ourselves on reserve in case of some emergency? What we should really be doing with the money being funneled into cloning research is trying to find cures for the diseases that damage the organs in the first place, or even campaign for more people to put that little pink sticker on their driver's licenses. Cloning sheep was one thing, but headless reproductions of our own bodies? There is just way too much wrong with that on so very many levels.

NO | Cloning is playing with human life, it's just not right

Let me just start by saying that this tirade, if you will, is not spiritually-based, and I won't be quoting anything from the Bible to back myself up. I wouldn't even know where to start with that.

The bottom line here is that human cloning is completely wrong, for any reason, especially for the sole purpose of organ harvesting. What we're dealing with here is a question of ethics and morality. The problem with that is, the very words "ethics" and "morality" mean something different to almost every person you ask. That is blatantly obvious for the sheer fact that we are even having such a debate.

For me, the idea of cloning humans goes against every moral and ethical ideal I have ever had. To those proposing such an idea, it obviously does not. In the late 1990s, labs at the University of Texas and the University of Bath in England produced clones of living things. Though not humans, what they produced was just as distressing.

What did they choose to create? Headless mice and tadpoles. The researchers in Texas said they were trying to learn more about embryo development in genes and created the mutant creatures by finding the specific gene that tells the embryo to produce a head, and they simply deleted it.

The fact that some scientist in a lab has the capability to actually delete such a gene is disturbing enough. Yet what remained of the experiment seemed much more appalling...organisms that were by all accounts strong and thriving, with the small catch being that they were without heads. Though they were missing heads, they certainly still had a lot to offer it appeared — in healthy organs, just waiting to be pilaged.

With the relative ease it took for these scientists to create the altered, headless beings, we humans shouldn't be too far behind in similar research.

Think of how simple the process could be. Someone in a lab coat merely presses a button that removes the human gene telling an embryo to create a head, and there we have it — headless versions of ourselves, ready to be preserved until the moment we need an organ.

The popular thought is that because the pseudo humans wouldn't have heads, they would not be deemed people at all. By doing this, it seems OK, and legal, to continue such a process.

But in reality, it's not OK. What these technology-obsessed people don't seem to understand is that it simply is not okay. Some things, most understandably the creation of human life, just should not be tampered with.

If this were to happen, then where and how could we place value on human life? The creation of life whose solitary existence is to serve as a spare parts

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"Yes because it can help people. if it helps people who are in need and who are sick then it's okay."

Sylvia Chen
Sophomore, MIS



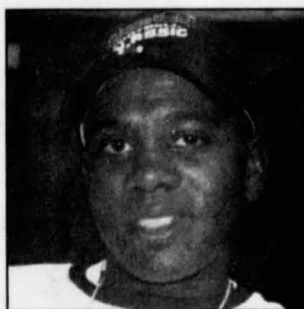
"The healthcare system is bad and there are too many people on waiting lists. Cloning is a more immediate and effective way of helping people."

Robin White
Sophomore, biology



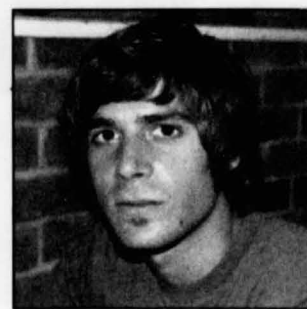
"If I needed an organ and a doctor said he could clone a human and take it's organs, I wouldn't do it."

Miwa Igarashi
Junior, advertising



"I'm open to it as long as it's not abused and as long as it's done in an exclusive situation or matter."

Chris Davis
Senior, RTVF



"Yes, it's a way to enhance human life. As long as it's done in the right context of helping those who are less fortunate and not for the purpose of cloning humans."

Lucci Gonzales
Senior, finance



"As long as it's done for the well-being of that person. you're cloning those organs to help people live."

Sonia Jethani
Freshman, mathematics

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SPOILED

Covering up the scandal only hurt church more

Sometimes people need someone to turn to. They have a problem and need to talk about it — especially kids.

Sometimes it's about the bully at school. Sometimes it's that mom and dad never stop fighting. Sometimes it's about the cute girl or boy at school. They turn to someone they trust. If they're religious, some of them may turn to a priest. For some people, priests are the ones to turn to in times of need.

That's generally the rap priests had — at least until this year.

Before, people would go into a confessional and profess their sins to a priest, one who is supposed to be closer to God.

Now, in some San Jose churches they're putting windows in the confessionals.

Any room where a person can meet privately with a priest is getting windows.

No more closed doors.

No more closets.

No more molestations.

That's the idea, at least.

And not all priests are bad — the disturbed minority is giving the entire population a bad name.

But why are priests being treated differently than "regular" child molesters?

Why weren't these people turned over to the police in the first place?

Embarrassment.

Imagine, a sobbing mother and her preteen son come into a church office one day saying "Father So-and-so" sexually abused the boy.

What if this information got out?

The numbers of those willing to take the cloth has been shrinking for decades — you don't see commercials for the Catholic Church like you see for the Army and Navy.

What would those commercials say, "Be closer to God through celibacy and prayer?"

And if word of this abuse gets out, the press is guaranteed to come in with cameras and reporters. Not to mention the police.

Then the higher-ups would call, asking how this happened.

So a deal is made.

Maybe the church pays the family \$25,000 to keep quiet and never go to the police.

Or maybe the priest simply says he'll take care of it, not to worry, please don't say anything and please accept his humblest apologies for what happened.

Then he does the priestly shuffle and a child molester gets sent to another church in another city or state to be around different children of the same age.

Did they send this priest to a 12-step program for child molesters before turning him loose and putting him face-to-face with temptation every day?

Even if they did, what did they think would happen?

It's similar to having an alcoholic who went through a recovery program work as a bartender.

Maybe the priest wanted to stop, but the temptation was

always there and one day he was weak.

He fell off the horse.

But instead of taking a drink, he abused a child.

It was his fault, but the person who put him there is also at fault.

Instead of covering up what happened, the police should have been involved.

Yes, it would have brought embarrassment to the church, but what would you call the current situation?

It's not just an embarrassment.

It's a scandal.

It's drawn worldwide attention.

By not acting responsibly, the church jeopardized the lives of thousands of children across this country.

And now it's paying the price.

What was done can never be fixed.

It should never have been dealt with internally.

And it can never be taken back.

The windows are there to stay.



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TODAY

A.S. Campus Recreation
The first session of the Hula dance class is scheduled from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Event Center. For more information contact Matt McNamara at 924-6217.

SJSU Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
The first meeting of the semester will be held in the Pacheco Room in the Student Union at 6 p.m. For more information contact Angie at 712-5576.

Associated Students, Inc.
Associated Students, Inc. is holding its bi-weekly Board of Directors meeting. Let your student government representatives hear from you. Meeting begins at 3 p.m. at Associated Students House. For more information contact the A.S. office at 924-6240.

SJSU Choirs
Fall 2002 auditions are being held. To be scheduled, call Prof. Elena Sharkova in the Choral Activities office (Music 262) at 924-4645. E-mail sharkova@email.sjsu.edu.

Asian Baptist Student Koinonia (ABSK)
Student Welcome Night. Please join us for a night of skits, music, pizza and more.

Begins at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Umuhum room in the Student Union. For more information contact Maria Chung at 482-5183.

Jewish Student Union
The Jewish Student Union will have a welcome back barbecue from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Seventh Street barbecue pit. For more information contact Aaron Baskin at 286-6669.

SJSU Panhellenic Council
The Panhellenic Council is having sorority recruitment activities beginning today and running through Sept. 10. in the Student Life Center. Times to be announced. For more information contact Kary Crumm at (510) 673-5442.

SJSU Panhellenic Council
The Panhellenic Council is having a sorority forum and information night tonight in the Loma Prieta Ballroom in the Student Union from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information contact Kary Crumm at (510) 673-5442.

Career Center
The Career Center is taking students for drop-in appointments from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Career Center (Building F). For more information contact the career resource center at 924-6031.

THURSDAY

sjspirit.org
Drop in today to begin the year with an individual blessing. The chapel will also be open for meditation and prayer. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Spartan Memorial Chapel. For more information contact Chaplain Roger 605-1687.

SJSU Choraliers
The SJSU choraliers are looking for new singers in all voice categories. Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. For more information contact Dr. Charlene Archibeque at 924-4333.

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA)
MEChA's weekly meetings are scheduled to begin Thursdays at 6 p.m. meetings will be held in the Chicano Library. For more information contact Adriana Cabrera-Garcia at 250-9245.

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SJSU Akbayan
Akbayan will be having its first general meeting of the semester Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Loma Prieta Ballroom of the Student Union building. For more information contact Aldrich Sales at (650) 580-7991.

Chicanos in Health Education
Chicanos in Health Education is having their first informational meeting Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. in Duncan Hall, Room 250.

Alpha Phi Omega
Alpha Phi Omega is having an information night Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Almaden room in the Student Union. For more information call 924-6626.

The Listening Hour Concert Series
A piano recital featuring Dr. laurel Brettell will be held Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. For more information contact Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

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School of Art and Design
The School of Art and Design will be having student galleries and art exhibitions through Friday. The exhibition will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information contact Bill or Nicole at 924-4330.

FRIDAY

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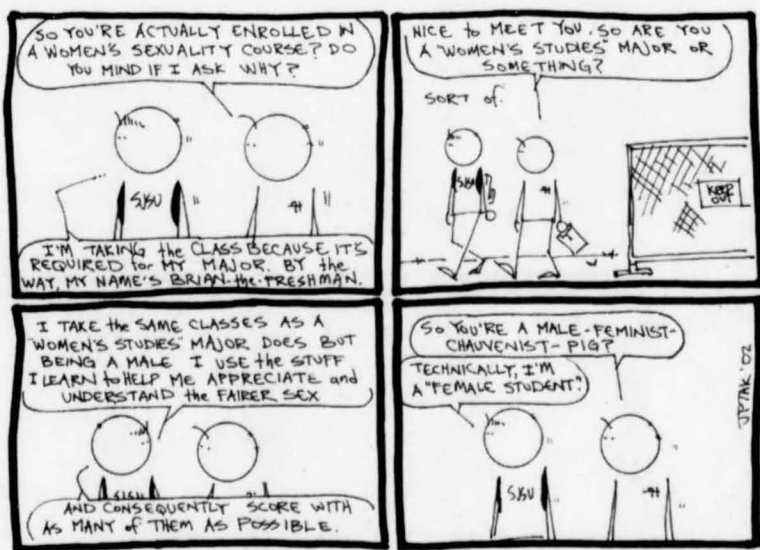
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Davis cuts to exceed legislators'

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis said Tuesday he would trim more than the \$750 million he's supposed to cut from a \$99 billion budget that many are calling a stopgap measure.

At a campaign stop in Los Angeles, Davis said he would "veto some additional money" from the budget approved by the Legislature Sunday after a two-month standoff over proposed tax increases.

Davis declined to specify how much he would cut and where the cuts would come, saying he would work with his budget advisers Tuesday afternoon.

"We will reduce the budget by a significant amount, we have a \$24 billion shortfall that we are closing and we also have to think about the problems next year and the year after," Davis said.

Senate President John Burton, the Senate's top Democrat, joined a chorus of critics, mostly Republican, of what they call a dangerous lack of permanent cuts to help stabilize the state's budget in future years.

Burton, of San Francisco, said Tuesday the long-overdue budget passed this weekend was only a "get-out-alive deal" and will result in a more difficult budget battle next year.

But Davis, who plans to sign the

Tenants to get 60 days' notice

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis signed a bill Tuesday doubling the move-out warning notice landlords must give their month-to-month tenants, giving renters 60 days to leave instead of 30.

Davis cited a billionaire's 30-day eviction notices earlier this year to 570 rental households in Northern California as a factor in his decision.

"It is unfair to expect families to uproot and relocate in such a short time," he said. "This bill gives all tenants more time to search for a new home in the neighborhood they prefer."

The bill by Sen. Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa Monica, applies only to tenants who have rented from a landlord longer than a year.

budget Thursday, defended the budget, saying the spending plan was "the best we could do under extremely difficult circumstances."

Lawmakers approved the budget early Sunday morning, after they had battled over \$9 billion in cuts. It calls for Davis to make \$750 million in cuts from state agencies and departments rather than programs.

Under the plan, another \$285 million could be saved by offering long-time state employees an incentive to retire early. About \$2.4 billion will be raised through new revenue, but not through vehicle or tobacco taxes, as previously proposed.

"The average family is not going to see their taxes increase, either through

the vehicle license fee or if they happen to smoke, they won't be paying a whole lot for their cigarettes either," added Davis spokeswoman Hilary McLean.

As part of the budget agreement reached in the Assembly, Speaker Herb Wesson will create a committee of lawmakers to study ways to improve the budget process.

Burton has proposed a commission of "outsiders, non-politicians to deal with this problem," he said.

This year's budget didn't include a permanent tax hike, such as the proposed tobacco tax increase, or a two-year fee increase, such as the temporary increase in vehicle license fees. Because of that, the future budget will

have no new source of money and spending will have been trimmed to the bone to meet this year's limits, Burton said.

"The funding for the budget is only going to give us bigger problem next year. The only good news about that is that it may well force us to deal with a structural change in the budget," Burton said. "Nothing's going to help next year short of a miracle."

Solutions could include higher taxes for the richest Californians, he said. "I could see an initiative for that going on the presidential ballot (in March 2004), which should put it in place in time for that budget. It wouldn't help with the 2003-04 budget."

McLean said the governor and the lawmakers are "very well aware that we're going to have additional challenges ahead."

"The economy is still slow. The bubble that we saw a couple years ago in the stock market isn't coming back in that same nature probably ever again and since that was a unique phenomenon no one would expect it to," she said.

Payment to vendors and paychecks for legislative staffers have been held up during the budget impasse. Once the budget is signed, checks will be issued within days of getting claims from various state departments.

China blocks Google

Propagandists told to create 'sound atmosphere' for Communist Party congress in November

BEIJING (AP) — China has blocked access to U.S. Internet search engine Google amid government calls to tighten media controls ahead of a major Communist Party congress.

Attempts to look at the site through Chinese Internet services on Tuesday were rejected with a notice saying it couldn't be found. Users and technical consultants who monitor the Chinese Internet said the site has been blocked for several days.

"We were notified by our users that access to Google in China had been blocked. We are working with Chinese authorities to resolve the issue," said Google spokeswoman Cindy McCaffrey.

She had no further information about what the discussion with Chinese authorities might involve or when Google access within China might be restored.

The government is preparing to hold a November congress that is expected to begin shifting power to a new generation of leaders.

China routinely tightens controls on news and information around politically sensitive dates, and state media quoted President Jiang Zemin in August as telling propaganda officials to create a "sound atmosphere" for the meeting.

Google is favored among China's 45 million Internet users because of its wide-ranging search capacity. A search in English for Jiang's name turns up links to 156,000 Web sites mentioning him.

By contrast, a search on Sina.com, another portal used in China, turns up just 1,600 mentions of Jiang. The Chinese-language service of American search engine Yahoo! turns up just 24 results.

Google does not weed out material the Chinese government blocks as subversive.

A search for Jiang on Google turns up a Web page posted by the banned Falun Gong spiritual movement entitled "Exposing the crimes of Jiang Zemin."

The group accuses Jiang of killing its followers in the course of a crackdown aimed at eliminating the group, viewed as a threat to communist control.

China promotes the Internet for economic use and to spread the communist government's views. But it has worked hard to muzzle the Internet as a forum for free information and discussion.

Authorities apply blocks to prevent Internet users from viewing sites run by Falun Gong, human rights groups and some foreign news organizations.

Police monitor chat rooms and personal e-mail and erase online content considered undesirable. Internet portals have been warned they will be held responsible for sites they host.

Nevertheless, many users find ways to get around the blocks, said Duncan Clark, a technology analyst for consulting firm BDA China.

They often involve using "proxy servers" — Web sites abroad that let users reach blocked sites. Such techniques are routinely posted online in China or exchanged in chat rooms.

"The restrictions only make people more creative," Clark said.

Two wildfires rage north of Los Angeles Basin

PALMDALE (AP) — A pair of fires burned 40 miles apart in or on the edge of the Angeles National Forest Tuesday as the state sweltered under a heat wave that kept temperatures in the 90s.

On the north end of Los Angeles County, fire erupted near Leona Valley west of Palmdale Tuesday afternoon, blackening more than 500 acres of brush and forcing the evacuation of several homes as it moved quickly uphill.

Volunteers moved in to help save animals and livestock.

Flames ringed a half dozen sprawling ranch homes that sit on the edge of the Angeles National Forest. About 400 firefighters worked to save the homes.

Winds held steady around 15 mph. A Super Scooper was used, the first time the giant water-dumping plane has been employed in Los Angeles County this fire season, fire Capt. Brian Jordan said.

Thirty miles northeast of Los Angeles, a fire that has already destroyed 14 buildings, including two homes, continued its march through the mountains above Azusa. Firefighters don't expect to surround that blaze for a week.

Weather remained the enemy for firefighters even though temperatures were slightly cooler than the 100-plus degrees recorded in some areas over the previous three days.

Los Angeles County health officials issued an "extreme caution advisory," warning that the high temperatures carried a risk of heat stroke and dehydration.

Southern California could see some cloudiness Wednesday from the remnants of a tropical hurricane, and could have some rain later in the week, the first since late April, according to the National Weather Service.

The Azusa fire has destroyed more than 14,400 acres of brush and timber since erupting Sunday and was only 5 percent contained, U.S. Forest Service spokesman Ed Gilliland said.

The fire forced about 8,000 campers

Rotating power blackouts averted

FOLSOM (AP) — State grid operators averted rotating blackouts in Southern California Tuesday after a wildfire threatened two major electricity transmission lines, officials said.

The fire, burning near Azusa, was near the lines 1 and 2 of the Midway-Vincent lines, said Gregg Fishman, spokesman for the California Independent System Operator, which manages the state's power grid.

The ISO asked some "interruptible" customers to curtail their energy use during the afternoon hours to avoid going to rolling blackouts, he said. Those customers get cheaper power rates throughout the year in return for cutting power use when the ISO's reserves are low.

The interruptible customers and the combination of load naturally dropping off was enough to get us over the hump, but it was very close," Fishman said. "We're past peak, but conservation in Southern California can still make a big difference."

to flee over the Labor Day weekend and destroyed 14 sheds and other buildings, including the homes of two forest personnel.

"There are over 200 structures inside the fire area. Those are still threatened," Gilliland said. "We don't know that those are in immediate danger."

Sections of state Highways 2 and 39 remained closed and were being used only by fire engines carrying reinforcements. The firefighting force doubled to nearly 1,350 personnel. Two minor injuries were reported.

More than a dozen water-dropping

aircraft battled the fire along a six-mile-long front. Curtains of flame rippled on hillsides so steep that firefighters were unable to reach them.

The hot eastern front of the fire ran from dense chaparral at an elevation of 2,200 feet to timber at 8,000 feet, Gilliland said.

"We can't put our firefighters in front of the fire in this kind of terrain," he said.

A portion of the blaze was burning in wilderness that is home to the threatened Santa Ana sucker, a small fish, and the endangered mountain yellow-legged frog, Gilliland said.

The fire has cost about \$828,000 to fight so far. It was believed to be human-caused but investigators had not determined whether it was accidentally or deliberately set.

A 554-acre wildfire that began Thursday in San Bernardino County, separated from the Azusa fire by 40 miles and several mountain ridges, was 84 percent contained Tuesday. Full containment was expected Wednesday evening.

The blaze was near the Mountain High ski resort in the Wrightwood area, about 55 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

The firefighting force was cut nearly in half Tuesday and fewer than 300 workers remained to mop up hot spots, said Ruth Wenstrom, a spokeswoman for the San Bernardino National Forest.

Eight firefighters were treated for minor injuries, including a sprained ankle, smashed finger and a broken nose.

The cause had not been determined. On Friday, a man's burned body was found near the fire's origin and what appeared to be a piece of equipment from a methamphetamine laboratory was found Sunday.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department was still working Tuesday to identify the remains.

A fire near Castaic that started Sunday was contained Tuesday afternoon at 977 acres. Five firefighters were injured. The cause of that fire

was being investigated.

In Northern California, a 50-acre fire just west of Redding that forced evacuations, downed power lines and briefly closed Highway 299 was contained Tuesday.

California Department of Forestry officials said. Residents were kept out of their homes for hours Monday due to downed lines. The fire destroyed a carport, an outbuilding and a boat.

was being investigated.



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Newest Amber alert counties to scroll notices on television

SANTA BARBARA (AP) — The next time a statewide Amber alert is activated for an abducted child, Santa Barbara County residents will see the alert scroll across the bottom of their television screens and hear an announcement on their radios.

Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties were hooked into the California Child Safety Amber Network last week, joining about half the counties in the state.

Gov. Gray Davis ordered a phased-in statewide rollout of the system July 31 after the abductions and murders of Samantha Rynnion and Danielle van Dam. The system has been activated five times in three weeks.

The alert system was created in 1996 as a legacy to 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was kidnapped while riding her bicycle near her Arlington, Texas, home and later found dead.

Child-abduction rescues spur senators to push U.S. network

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is considering creating a national Amber Alert system for child abductions following several highly publicized rescues in California and other states.

The network, run out of the Justice Department, would help fill gaps in a growing but patchy system that now includes 17 states and a few dozen cities and counties.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, led a group of eight senators who announced the bill at a Capitol news conference Tuesday. They predicted quick passage.

"We want to give every possible piece of help that we can to law enforcement personnel," Hutchison said.

The Amber Alert is named for Amber Hagerman, a 9-year-old who

was kidnapped and murdered in Texas in 1996.

Amber Alerts have been credited with helping recover 27 children nationwide, the senators said. The alerts are broadcast by the media much like storm alerts, and in some cases messages about suspects' vehicles appear on electronic road signs.

Feinstein said a statewide Amber Alert system has foiled 12 kidnappings — eight by strangers and four by family members — since being adopted in California in late July.

The system also appears to have some value as a deterrent, she said, citing one case in which an abductor panicked after seeing an alert on a highway sign and dropped his victim by the side of the road.

Describing the network as voluntary, Hutchison said states would be free to declare alerts within their borders. To

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Rumsfeld hints Bush ready to detail Iraq danger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has secret information supporting its claims that Saddam Hussein poses an unacceptable threat to the world and is close to developing nuclear weapons, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

President Bush could disclose the information through upcoming congressional hearings on Iraq, Rumsfeld hinted at a Pentagon press conference.

Democrats on Capitol Hill urged Bush to be more forthcoming.

"I think most Democrats believe the president has yet to make the case for taking action in Iraq," Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., told reporters.

Bush plans to discuss Iraq in a White House meeting Wednesday with top Republican and Democratic leaders from both houses of Congress. Rumsfeld is also scheduled to discuss Iraq and the war on terrorism in separate closed-door sessions with members of the House and Senate.

Both Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Colin Powell dismissed Iraq's latest offer — relayed by Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz — to let U.N. weapons inspections resume, suggesting it was just a ploy.

"It's the con that the Iraqi regime — and especially Mr. Tariq Aziz — have been pulling on the international community for years," Powell said.

Aziz said Iraq was willing to discuss the return of weapons inspectors, but only if sanctions ended and Iraq regained sovereignty over all its territory, eliminating no-fly zones created after the 1991 Gulf War and enforced by U.S. and British warplanes.

"If you want to find a solution, you have to find a solution for all these matters, not only pick up one certain aspect of it," Aziz said at an international development conference in Johannesburg, South Africa. "We are ready to find such a solution."

"Tariq Aziz knows perfectly well what must be done," Powell told reporters as he flew to that South Africa meeting. "For years, he has been getting on television and manages to have reported without comment his assertion that they have no such weapons, which is nonsense — utter nonsense."

Rumsfeld likened it to "a dance they engage in. And then you'll find at the last moment, they'll withdraw that carrot or that opportunity and go back into their other mode of thumbing their nose at the international community."

Asked what evidence the administration has that Iraq is close to developing a nuclear weapon, as Vice President Dick Cheney asserted last week, Rumsfeld said, "I'll leave that for the coming days and weeks."

He said it is already publicly known that Iraq wants to acquire nuclear weapons, that nuclear technologies have spread in recent years and that Iraq has ways of obtaining such materials.

"And we know some other things, but those are the kinds of things that would come out if and when the president decides that he thinks it's appropriate," Rumsfeld said.

White House aides have said repeatedly that Bush has not decided what to do about Iraq. Rumsfeld also referred to "documentation" that Bush might disclose to bolster his case.

"What the president wants to do, and will do, in his own time, is to provide information he feels is important with respect to any judgment he decides to make" about taking action against Iraq, Rumsfeld said.

In London, Prime Minister Tony Blair said his government hoped to publish in the next few weeks a dossier of evidence on Saddam's efforts to develop weapons of mass destruction.

Rumsfeld noted that while inspectors have been banned for years from Iraq, the regime has kept its nuclear scientists working.

"One has to assume they've not been playing tiddlywinks, and that they have been focusing on nuclear weapons," Rumsfeld said, adding that Iraq was close to producing a nuclear weapon before the 1991 Gulf War.

The United States wants Iraq to let United Nations weapons inspectors return without conditions, Rumsfeld said.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the United States would regard the return of inspectors as a "first step" that would not necessarily alter Bush's view of the situation.

"The issue is whether or not Saddam Hussein possesses weapons of mass destruction," Fleischer said. "The inspectors are a means to that end, and the policy of this government has been that regime change will make the world a safer, more peaceful place."

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he doubts much good would come from returning weapons inspectors to Iraq.



Bush

Bush's 9/11 schedule includes visits to 3 attack sites, prime-time speech

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, who will mark the remembrance of Sept. 11 by visiting three terrorist attack sites, plans to start the observances in prayer and close them with a prime-time address to the nation.

The White House on Tuesday released details of the president's Sept. 11 schedule, which will take him and first lady Laura Bush from a private morning

church service in Washington, to a moment of silence observed at the White House at 8:46 a.m., EDT. That's the exact time that the first terrorist-hijacked jet slammed into the World Trade Center tower in New York. They will go from there to a ceremony at the Pentagon, which also was attacked on that day.

The president and Mrs. Bush will then journey to Shanksville, Pa., and lay a

wreath in the field where Flight 93 crashed.

That afternoon, at 4:30 p.m., Bush will lay a wreath at Ground Zero, site of the former Trade Center towers in New York. At 9:01 p.m., he is to address the nation from New York.

Meanwhile, Tom Ridge, director of Bush's Office of Homeland Security, said Tuesday he thinks U.S. security has

improved significantly since the attacks.

"I think we've made substantial progress and I think we are substantially safer than we were on Sept. 11," he said Tuesday.

"We still have considerable work to do in the years and months ahead," Ridge acknowledged.

He said he knew of no "specific credible information" about any particular threat on Sept. 11.

Senators get contentious over secure homeland

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate kicked off a contentious debate Tuesday on President Bush's blueprint for a Homeland Security Department, with Democrats flatly rejecting White House demands for greater management flexibility over the agency's estimated 170,000 employees.

The White House responded with a statement repeating Bush's vow to veto the Senate measure, largely over the worker dispute.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle called Bush's proposal "a power grab of unprecedented magnitude" that would undermine the non-political government civil service system and threaten labor union rights and protections for one-third of the workers.

"We're not going to roll over when it comes to principles and beliefs we hold to be very, very important," said Daschle, D-S.D.

The White House and its Republican congressional allies also dug in their heels. Tom Ridge, the president's point man on homeland security, said the new department needs broader powers to hire, fire, promote or demote and pay employees — and waive union rights in matters of national security — to meet emerging terrorist threats.

"The president has indicated it's not just a matter of reconfiguring letterheads and addresses," Ridge told reporters after meeting privately with Republican senators.

The Senate GOP leader, Trent Lott of Mississippi, predicted Bush would bring enough political pressure to bear to get much of what he wants in the end.

"It's about doing the job. If we get into this political folderol ... I think that's a mistake," Lott said.

The president met Tuesday with GOP senators at the White House to reinforce his demands for the new Cabinet agency and planned similar sessions later this week with Democrats.

"I don't recall the term veto being used by the president but he made it very clear that the bill had to be acceptable to him, that he wasn't going to accept some — these are my words — weak compromise," Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., told reporters afterward.

Later in the day, however, the White House issued a statement stating that Bush would veto the Senate bill "in its current form." In addition to the personnel issues, the statement said Bush objects to the bill's "intrusive" new White House Homeland Security Office with a Senate-confirmed director.

As the battle lines hardened, the Senate voted 94-0 to proceed to full debate, which could take two or three weeks.

West Nile virus killed recipient of transplant

ATLANTA (AP) — Government health officials confirmed Tuesday that the West Nile virus had killed one transplant patient and infected at least two others, raising concern it can spread through transfusions and other medical procedures. Federal officials said they were speeding development of a West Nile blood test.

Until now, the virus had been thought to be transmitted to people only through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the victim died in Atlanta after receiving an organ from a woman who was killed last month in a car accident.

Three other people also received organs from the woman. The CDC said two of them have the virus and have developed encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain. West Nile has not been confirmed in the third person, who is recovering from a milder infection.

Health officials said the organ recipients could have contracted the virus from mosquitoes, but it is unlikely. The cases are believed to be the first West Nile infections from a medical procedure.

No blood test exists to detect the virus, even in people who show symptoms. Instead, patients are diagnosed based on their immune response to the virus, which takes about 15 days.

Coming up with a quick blood test is a priority, said Dr. Lester Crawford, acting commissioner of the Food and

Presidential power to waive union collective bargaining rights for federal employees for national security reasons has existed since 1977, said Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn. Congress has approved more flexible personnel systems for agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Aviation Administration and the new Transportation Security Administration.

Even though there was no immediate sign of compromise on the personnel dispute, both sides predicted the Senate would pass a Homeland Security bill later this month. That would set up negotiations on a final version with the House, which in July approved a measure much like Bush's original plan.

Both bills would merge all or parts of 22 agencies into a single department focused on protecting Americans against terrorism at home. The Coast Guard, Transportation Security Administration, Customs Service, Border Patrol, Secret Service and Federal Emergency Management Agency are among those to be moved.

Both measures also would set up a new intelligence analysis office — the Senate's version is more powerful — that would sift through data produced by the CIA, FBI and others to identify potential threats and take action to protect targets or prevent terrorist acts.

The chief Senate sponsor, Democrat Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, said the areas of agreement were too important to let the legislation founder over the worker issues.

"If we marshal these strengths of ours, we can make another Sept. 11-type attack impossible," Lieberman said. "We stand broadly on common ground even as we remain debating some of these differences between us."

The threat of extended delay, or filibuster, evaporated Tuesday when Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., announced he would support bringing the legislation to the floor. Byrd had resisted immediate consideration of the House-passed bill in July, arguing that such a massive reorganization plan deserved more deliberate scrutiny.

"What counts in the end is not when it's done, but what the product is," said Byrd, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Other difficult issues to be debated would:

—Exempt private industry from the Freedom of Information Act in some cases.

—Delay by one year the deadline for airports to begin screening checked baggage for explosives.

—Allow the president to shift money around within the new department without congressional approval.

Exam exacts toll on foreign medical grads

CHICAGO (AP) — The number of foreign medical school graduates seeking training in the United States has plummeted since the start of an expensive new test that requires them to demonstrate their English skills, a study found.

The number of foreign graduates taking the exam, required of applicants for residencies and fellowships, dropped by more than half between 1997 and 2001, from 36,231 to 16,828, researchers found.

The decline coincided with a requirement instituted in 1998 that they pass a clinical skills assessment, during which they must communicate with fake "patients" in English and are scored on the staged encounters.

The study's authors suggest that foreign students may be dissuaded by the prospect of having their English evaluated. The authors also cited the \$1,200 cost of the test and the expense of traveling to Philadelphia, the sole examination site.

Dr. Alex Yadao, president of the American College of International Physicians, said the exam and other required tests, as well as the travel expenses, can amount to several thousand dollars.

"Foreign doctors cannot afford that," he said.

The study, conducted by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The study involved foreigners who applied for 2001 programs that began before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Newer figures suggest that foreign applications have surged since Sept. 11, said the lead author, Dr. Gerald Whelan.

Russia tells world summit it will OK Kyoto Protocol

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Russia announced Tuesday it will ratify an accord on reducing smogstack emissions and other causes of global warming. Moscow's approval would clear the way for the agreement to become law in much of the world, but not the United States.

Russia's promise on the agreement, which the United States has rejected, came as leaders at the world summit wrapped up a long-term blueprint for tackling the global woes of poverty and pollution. Attention at the summit shifted to immediate crises, including Iraq.

Ahead of the arrival of Secretary of State Colin Powell, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz sought support from U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and former South African President Nelson Mandela for heading off a threatened U.S. attack.

Annan urged Aziz to comply with U.N. Security Council resolutions, which call for the unconditional return of weapons inspectors to Iraq,

his spokeswoman said.

The United States continued to be criticized for its rejection of the Kyoto Protocol, which requires developed nations to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases to 1990 levels by 2012. Many countries view the accord as crucial to reversing global warming blamed for storms, floods and droughts.

U.S. Environmental Protection Administrator Christie Whitman said the United States supported other countries' ratification. But she said the agreement was not appropriate for the United States, which is taking other action to limit climate change.

Russia's ratification of Kyoto would meet the last requirement for the accord to come into effect: that the countries on board account for at least 55 percent of carbon dioxide emissions based on 1990 output.

Once that happens, the nations that have accepted it — 87 so far — would be required by law to start reducing the carbon dioxide and other gases.

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Wednesday's engineering analysis class because no add codes were available, nine students crammed into the tiny waiting room that offered only three chairs and barely enough standing room.

Over an hour later, those same students, joined by five more, sat on the hallway floor outside the office. They said they were waiting to speak to Dorosti, who did not return to the office before the office doors were closed and locked at 5 p.m.

Of the 15 master of science in engineering students talking about the required core courses, none — even those currently registered for the courses — would give their name to the Spartan Daily because of "fear of retaliation," said one student. "The decisions surrounding this are made too high up and they could make it difficult for us to graduate."

Eight students listening to his comments nodded their heads in agreement.

Dorosti, in a later interview, denied the possibility of retaliation.

"Retaliate? The students shouldn't be afraid," Dorosti said. "How would we retaliate? Never have I even thought of retaliation."

One student said, "Dorosti is very nice. The problem is higher up than him."

"We're here for the students," Dorosti said. "That is our sole purpose."

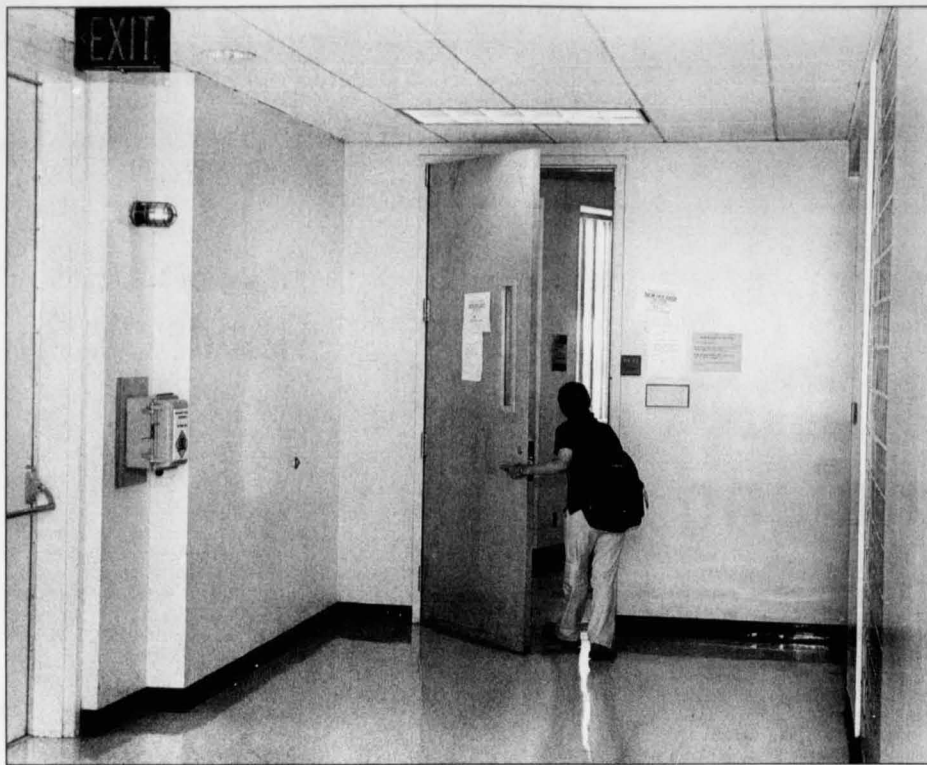
Silicon Valley has felt the pinch of the economy by seeing numerous layoffs in area companies, according to Dorosti.

"This year has been a mixed blessing. The economic downturn has created an influx of students, because many people got laid off (from their jobs) and now have the time to attend school full time," Dorosti said.

"But also because of the economy, the state cut our funding. The budget is determined by the previous year's enrollment."

The interim dean, Belle Wei, has agreed to add sections of each class regardless of the budget cuts, he said, providing that there are enough students who actually need and meet the requirements for the class.

Dorosti said some students "dou-



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Engineering graduate students have expressed displeasure at lack of courses and class sizes being offered by the department.

ble-registered" for the classes which may have skewed enrollment numbers. He said while trying to add the summer session of the classes, some students also registered for the fall session in case they were unable to add the summer session.

Each rostered student that did not show up for the first class of the fall semester needs to be contacted, he said, to determine if they have already completed the course in the summer and are planning on dropping the class for the fall semester.

For one section of the engineering analysis class, Dorosti said 12 of the 45 students on the roster did not show up. A waiting list was started for that class and had 17 names on it.

"The poor professor was at the end of his line," said one student. "He

was wet with sweat at the end (because students were) begging for add codes. There were at least 75 people trying to add."

"In the past, we have opened extra sections only to find out not all students are qualified or really need the courses," Dorosti said, "and then the class ends up canceled because we don't have enough students to keep the class. It will be a couple of weeks before we know how many students we have that really need the classes."

No waiting list was offered for some of the sections, according to some students. One student said he had tried to get the core courses four times, was successfully able to register once, but then the class was canceled with no explanation after three weeks.

"I got in once, then (the class) was canceled. Too much time had passed, and the bookstore wouldn't take back the books," he said.

A minimum enrollment of 15 students is needed to create a new section, and accommodation for rooms and professors are taken into account.

"We have to find a professor to (teach the class) and find a classroom. The professor has to be available during the time we need, and that may not always be possible," Dorosti said.

Some students have tried to come up with their own solution to the limitations. "Basically, the professor said he would be willing to teach another class. The students said, 'We'll pay your salary,'" said one anonymous student.

Professor presents cultural research

Gonzalez hopes to make anthropology a 'real world' topic

By Melinda Latham
Daily Staff Writer

Roberto Gonzalez, assistant professor of anthropology, is scheduled to give a lecture at noon today at the Steinbeck Research Center titled "Anthropology Goes Public: Cultural Commentaries on American Policy."

Gonzalez, who holds a doctorate in sociocultural anthropology from the UC Berkeley, did previous research studying the indigenous farming techniques in a village in the northern part of Oaxaca, Mexico.

He published a book based on his research, "Zapototec Science."

In May, he won the Junior Faculty Development Grant. The award, effective for the 2002-03 academic year, allows the recipient to pursue research.

Currently Gonzalez is working on a book-length manuscript about how anthropology has been integrated into mainstream culture.

"[Anthropologists] really do have a lot to say about things going on in the world around us," Gonzalez said.

In his lecture, Gonzalez said he plans to discuss the emerging role of anthropological works in newspapers, magazines and other forms of mass media.

Rather than focusing solely on the scholarly community, cultural anthropologists are sharing their research with the general public, according to Gonzalez.

Many of the articles that Gonzalez has collected investigate the effects of American presence in other parts of the world, both on a corporate and a military level.

The goal of the lecture is to get students to take anthropology out of its box and see its effect in American mass media.

"I hope the students will see this is a way that makes it clear anthropology is relevant to the real world, that it's not just an academic topic. They really do have much to contribute to debate, to current events, economics, politics."

The lecture is the first of the University Scholars Series, a program initiated by Provost Marshall Goodman that features San Jose State University faculty involved in research.

Goodman, along with Lavonne Simpson, special events coordinator for the provost, and Bob McDermand, outreach coordinator for Clark Library, worked together to organize the speaking series. They collaborated in reaching instructors who have research projects and publications.

"There are students who are not realizing that their teacher has published a book or finished a project," Simpson said.

The first Wednesday of every month is set to feature a different faculty member speaking on his or her specialty. McDermand says he hopes students can come and see their instructors discussing what they do outside of the classroom.

"The idea is to showcase the intellectual talent and to encourage dialogue and discussion," McDermand said.

Correction

A story printed in the Friday, Aug. 30 edition of the Spartan Daily, titled "A.S. trying to make board nonpartisan," contained two factual errors. The first said "in the absence of the controller, the vice chair, Erik Grotz, takes on those responsibilities." The person who assumes the responsibilities is the vice chair of the finance committee, Brian Tison. The other error said Tison made a motion to wave the requirement of having a controller present at an A.S. meeting, when there is no such requirement.

The Daily regrets the errors.

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Make the difference

Tower Card replaces tickets

University hopes to boost student attendance at home games

By Daniel Lopez
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University students will no longer be required to have tickets for Spartan football games held at Spartan Stadium.

Students will only need to present their Tower card and a current VTA sticker to gain admission.

According to Darren Coelho, athletic ticket manager for SJSU, tickets will not be required as a matter of convenience to students. In the past, students had to pick up tickets at the Event Center box office or get them from friends if they wanted to attend a football game.

"Now all students will have to do is flash their Tower card at gate nine and they're in," said Coelho, who called it, "The easiest way possible to get in, period."

Not printing and distributing the 20,000 tickets per semester made available to students in the past will save about \$4,000.

As an added change, students must now enter the stadium before the end of the second quarter to be admitted free of charge. After the end of the second quarter students will be charged between \$5 and \$10, depending on the game, Coelho said.

Joshua Francois, director of marketing for intercollegiate athletics said this change was brought about in an attempt to have students bring the atmosphere and party of tailgating inside the stadium and use it as a home-field advantage.

Salvador Cerna, an administration of justice senior, said the new policy is convenient.

"Now you just show up for the game and you're in."

Andrew Moyco, a senior majoring in art said, "I didn't even know where to get tickets in the past, probably

at the Event Center."

Amid the changes in admission for students at football games, there will be new sanctions set in place by the NCAA for the 2004 season, requiring an average of 15,000 spectators per home game and adding one more home game to the Spartan's schedule.

With attendance averaging 500 students per game last year, there are more efforts under way to bring students out to football games.

Angelle Poirier, a senior marketing major said she thinks not needing tickets is more convenient for students. "You don't need to go to campus and get a ticket, otherwise you have to deal with parking."

This season, students will have the opportunity to win free tuition for a semester at each home game, and a Buell motorcycle will be given away at the last home game on Nov. 23 against Fresno State, Francois said.

He said the giveaways will be open only to San Jose State students, and more details on how to participate will be available at a later date.

The giveaways were welcomed by Cerna, who said, "There need to be more incentives for students to attend football games and a crotch rocket is definitely a step in the right direction."

Poirier suggests that more needs to be done to attract not only students but also the community in general.

"Do a six block scan around campus and pass out fliers, do it at the parking lots downtown on a Friday night when everyone is out partying," she said. "We need to be informed of when the games are. I haven't gotten a schedule."

One change that students should not expect is in their seating, which will remain in sections 130 to 135 on the east side of the stadium. Free parking and areas to tailgate as they have enjoyed in the past will still be available.

The first home game is set for Sept. 27 against University of Texas El Paso, with kickoff set for 7:15 p.m.

Audience watches as skydiver falls to death before fireworks show

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A skydiver fell to his death in front of 200,000 spectators after apparently misjudging the distance to the lake where he was supposed to splash down and disconnected his parachute too early.

John Seymour, 46, jumped from a plane with 10 other skydivers Monday as part of the downtown Boomsday

fireworks display.

He disconnected his parachute when he was about 30 feet above Fort Loudoun Lake, said Ronnie Smith, instructor for the Skydive Smoky Mountain team. Many skydivers cut away their chutes when are 5 to 6 feet from the water.

"It's hard to judge the distance to the water," Smith said.

Seymour hit the lake and wasn't breathing when rescuers pulled him out.

"I thought it was part of the act," said Lance Payne of Morristown. "I just saw the chute go up and he fell down."

The skydiving preceded the fireworks show, which went on as scheduled.

DIVERSITY | Awareness encouraged

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represented in the diversity classes is students who are disabled.

"Being a disabled student is a diversity," said Stacie Haro, a consultant for the Disabled Students Association and an alumna in advertising.

Haro said that while the classes focus on ethnic diversity well, the disabled population is not well represented.

"I think it would be very appropriate for them to address people with disabilities," Haro said.

The Disabled Students Association includes people with all types of disabilities, such as learning disabilities, sight impairment, hearing impairment and mobile disabilities.

SJSU reached cultural pluralism in 1993 when, for the first time, there was no ethnic majority on campus.

"Our campus truly reflects diversity, and I think we should feel very lucky to be a part of it," said Hyon Chu Yi,

department coordinator of MOSAIC, the university's center for diversity programming and education.

MOSAIC's purpose is to create multicultural learning opportunities for students.

On a campus like SJSU, where the student body has greater cultural diversity than a typical university, organizations such as MOSAIC can serve as a way for students to express their thoughts on diversity.

According to the campus Web site, in the fall of 2000 SJSU's student population was about 32 percent Asian, 28 percent white and 10 percent Mexican-American. About 7 percent were Filipino, and about 4 percent were African American.

MOSAIC aims to educate students they feel comfortable in a diverse environment.

"Our goal is to help facilitate and promote multicultural awareness in hopes of creating a more sensitive and

educated campus," Yi said.

Some students on campus say they have a positive outlook on the diversity.

"I really like it because it's very diverse," said Yasmeeen Thanh, member of the Muslim Student Association and a junior majoring in child development.

Other people feel that while SJSU is diverse, but said campus groups could do more to promote the diversity.

"In many ways campus groups like MOSAIC should provide more avenues for students to have that discussion beyond the classroom," Chua said.

SJSU may be unique in many ways, but one thing that makes it stand out from other universities — is its innovative approach to diversity, according to the article.

"My hope is that SJSU will be champion multicultural causes and that we will be the model for other campuses to mirror our efforts and leadership style," Yi said.

GREEK LIFE | Character, compatability, quizzes part of the rushing process

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new recruits from a different angle.

"For a girl to choose her sorority, it's all up to who she gets along with best," Miller said. "The girls you have a connection with help in that choice. I wish I had the chance to rush in the fall to feel that choice of which one to choose, but it's also a difficult process — it can be very emotional."

As for fraternities, the rushing process is less formal.

"I just met some Greek Life students in class and in my sophomore year started hanging out with them,"

Erlachman said. "Then I joined."

According to Erlachman, the criteria for picking members are not willy-nilly.

"Sigma Chi uses what is called the Jordan Standard," Erlachman said. "It details the qualities we look for in someone, which are based on a person's character and not their looks."

Miller said the quality of one's character was as important a theme in a sorority's choosing new members.

Picking a new member in rush is mainly dependant on first impression, and whether there is a connection with the other girls, she said.

But Miller also said the first impression is not based on looks or external appearance.

"We don't look at whether she is wearing Bebe clothes," Miller said. "We are more concerned with quality of character rather than quantity of her appearance."

Miller said although some sororities might have certain reputations, she doesn't think any other sororities or fraternities would operate on a looks basis either.

Though most new recruits come into Greek Life on friendship basis,

Erlachman said that each new recruit is required to learn about their respective sorority or fraternity.

"Sigma Chi is to promote friendship, justice, and learning," said Erlachman, reciting a mission statement he had to memorize when he first joined.

"As a new member, each have to take a test per week," Erlachman said. "It's called the pledging process. There are seven per semester, and the last one is comprehensive."

Though it might sound tough, Erlachman said the questions are easy, and the answers are given before each test.

Eunice Vielmas, a senior and president of Delta Zeta sorority for 2002, went so far as to attend a Delta Zeta 100th anniversary conference in Oxford, Ohio, to learn more about her sorority to teach others.

Despite the certain tasks each member has to maintain, Vielmas said her job is also a lot of work.

"I oversee all the individuals in their respective roles, in and out of the house," said Vielmas. "It's more of a managerial position, and a bunch of behind the scenes work. I have to send out national reports of our sorority

explaining what we've been doing for the community, for our philanthropy and for our school."

Likewise, Erlachman said he is charged with just as much responsibility administratively as the newly pledged, if not more.

"The work we and the new recruits do is worth it," Vielmas said.

Erlachman said without learning about your sorority or fraternity it is like only coming to the games and not practice.

"Plus, you can't respect or join anything without learning about the sport or organization," he said.

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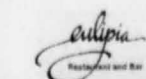
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San Jose State University Football

Defense scores 2 TD's in SJSU's 33-14 victory

By Chris Giovannetti
Daily Sports Editor

Some things never change. Even in a win.

The San Jose State University football team was able to overcome four turnovers with a strong defensive performance in a 33-14 season-opening victory against Arkansas State University in Little Rock, Ark., on Saturday.

The defense forced five Indian turnovers — including an interception return by cornerback Carlos Koustas and a fumble return by safety Gerald Jones — and allowed 290 total yards on the night, the fewest by an SJSU team since a 1999 victory against Rice University.



La Herran

Leading the way was senior linebacker La Herran, who after missing all but two games last season, made his return to the Spartans' lineup in a big way.

La Herran tallied a career-high 12 tackles and was named Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week on Monday for his efforts.

"If it had not been for the defense punching in those turnovers, we really

would have had a rough day," Spartan football head coach Fitz Hill said. "I always say that the team that gets the turnovers has an 80 percent chance of winning the game."

Still, after watching the Spartans fumble three times and SJSU quarterback Scott Rislov throw an interception, Hill wasn't impressed with the win and noted that his club will need better ball control against No. 14 University of Washington on Saturday.

"I've been preaching turnovers all along. The problem isn't that we're being stripped, but we're dropping the ball. We're hurting ourselves," Hill said. "When you put the ball on the ground and turn it over against a better team, it will cost you."

Defensive end Chip Kimmich noted that while the Spartans didn't perform at an exceptional level, the win was a nice way to get the season started.

"1-0 is something we didn't do last year," said Kimmich with reference to a 21-10 2001 season-opening loss to USC and an eventual 0-5 start. "USC set a precedent for last year, things were just down. When you go 1-0, there's no better feeling, Arkansas State was awesome for us."

Arkansas State found itself in the hole before the Spartans scored on Saturday as kicker Eric Neihouse missed field goals of 32 and 39 yards in the first quarter.

One-and-a-half minutes into the second quarter, Indian quarterback Elliot Jacobs, filling in for the injured

Brad Miller, put the home team up 7-0 with a 10-yard touchdown pass to receiver James Hickenbotham.

The Spartans tied the game moments later when Rislov hooked up with wide receiver Kendrick Starling for an 18-yard touchdown.

Rislov finished his Division I-A debut 14-for-31 passing with 162 yards.

La Herran wasn't the only SJSU defensive player to make a statement in his comeback. After SJSU tied the score 7-7, Koustas, who missed the 2001 season because of a leg injury, stepped in front of a Jacobs pass and returned the ball 28 yards to give the Spartans a 14-7 lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Kicker Nick Gilliam booted field

goals of 22 and 29 yards in the third quarter while running back Oscar Rigg rumbled for a one-yard touchdown in the third quarter.

Down 26-7, Jacobs scrambled into the end zone with six seconds remaining in the third quarter.

However, any thoughts of an ASU comeback were dashed when Jones picked up an Indian fumble and returned it 72 yards for a score.

Running back Lamar Ferguson led all Spartan rushers with 70 yards on 12 carries.

"We still have a long way to go," Hill said. "We're making strides and improving and I'm happy with that."

Kickoff for Saturday's game against Washington at Husky Stadium is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

Levey earns WAC defensive honors; 5 runners set bests

Daily Staff Report

The Spartan women's soccer team opened the season this weekend with a 4-0 loss at Loyola Marymount University and a 3-0 win at UC Riverside.

San Jose State University goalkeeper Eryn Meyer allowed four goals in the season opener, including a pair to LMU's Myka Peck.

The Spartan offense was stymied in the game as it was only able to fire two shots-on-goal.

In Monday's win, the Spartans elected to start freshman goalkeeper Erin Levey and it paid off as SJSU shut out UC Riverside.

Levey made five saves in Monday's win and earned the Western Athletic Conference's Defensive Player of the Week award.

Midfielder Mariko Yoshihara netted two goals to lead SJSU's scoring attack. Emily New also had a goal and an assist in the victory.

The women's soccer team is scheduled to continue its season at 6 p.m. on Friday as it hosts the University of San Francisco at Spartan Stadium.

SPARTAN ROUNDUP

Students can get in free by showing their Tower Card at the gate. Regular admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors.

MEN'S SOCCER

SJSU loses opener in OT

The SJSU men's soccer team also started its season this week, losing a game in overtime to the UC Riverside, 3-2.

The Highlanders' Ben Davies scored on a header in the 99th minute to cap the scoring, dropping the Spartans to 0-1.

Spartan Randy Poggio and Kohta Gaines scored unassisted goals in the second half to give SJSU a brief 2-1 lead, but Highlander Juan Gutierrez scored the tying goal in the 80th minute to send the game into overtime.

The Spartans are scheduled to take the field again at 5 p.m. Friday

against Cal State Monterey Bay at Spartan Stadium.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Team placed 10th

The Spartan men's cross country team placed 10th out of 14 teams in the Cal State Fullerton Invitational at Carbon Canyon Regional Park on Saturday.

Stanford University took first followed by The Cal Coast Track Club

and UCLA.

In the Spartans' first meet of the year, five SJSU runners set personal bests.

Senior Matt Heard was the Spartans' top finisher, taking 26th in the 8,000 meter course. His time of 26:06.2 was his personal best.

Heard was followed by senior Will Craine (26:54.0) who came in 66th, while juniors Jesse McLeod (27:23.0) and David Leon (27:43.0) and freshman Ray Avalos (28:16.0)

all recorded personal bests.

The team is scheduled to return to racing on Saturday at the University of California Invitational in Berkeley.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Top finisher was 26th

SJSU's women's cross country team placed eighth out of 17 teams at the Cal State Fullerton Season Opener at Carbon Canyon

Regional Park on Saturday.

Stanford, ranked No. 1 in the nation, took first, with UCLA and UC Santa Barbara taking second and third, respectively.

Ashley Nebeker, who placed 37th with a time of 19:16.8, was the top Spartan finisher while Judy DeLong, who ran a 19:26.0 in the 5,000 meter course, finished 45th.

The team is scheduled to return to racing Saturday at the University of California Invitational.

O'Neal's surgery slated for Sept. 11

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal will have surgery on his right foot on Sept. 11, and could miss the start of the season.

The surgery, pending medical clearance of bloodwork, will be performed at UCLA by Dr. Robert Mohr, chief of the Division of Podiatric Surgery, according to Patricia Schneek, a spokeswoman for O'Neal's agent, Perry Rogers.

Rogers has said O'Neal's recovery could take six weeks. The Lakers begin defense of their third straight NBA title on Oct. 29.

O'Neal will have a cheilectomy, which involves removing bone spurs in the joint that have caused pain and restricted his motion.

He played last season using a combination of medication, orthotics and other treatments to ease the pain, but no method was effect

NBA star Rose flees attempted carjacking

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A passenger in a luxury car driven by Chicago Bulls guard Jalen Rose was hospitalized Tuesday after being shot in the face during an attempted carjacking, police said.

The NBA player was not hurt and the passenger's injury was not life-threatening, Los Angeles police Officer Ed Funes said.

The pair was traveling in the 2002 Bentley Azure in the westside community of Brentwood around 3 a.m., Funes said. A Cadillac Escalade pulled up behind them and a man got out and approached the passenger side of the Bentley.

"The suspect pointed a gun at Rose's vehicle and told him to give up the car," Funes said.

Rose, 29, sped away but the suspect started firing, striking the 34-year-old passenger, Funes said.

Authorities withheld the passenger's name because the suspect is still at large and his motive remains under investigation, Funes said.

"We don't want to put their safety in jeopardy," he said.

Rose, a member of the "Fab Five" at Michigan from 1991 to 1994, left after his junior year to play in the NBA. He was traded in February from the Indiana Pacers to the Chicago Bulls.

"The police are investigating the matter and we have no further comment at this time," Rose spokeswoman Alyson Sadofsky said by telephone from her office in Washington, D.C.

UCLA guard suspended for Bruin season opener

LOS ANGELES (AP) — UCLA guard Shane Lehmann pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor battery charge on Tuesday and was suspended for the season opener against Colorado State.

The fight happened in May at a bar in Westwood, where the university is located.

Coach Bob Toledo said Lehmann, who started six games for the Bruins last season, told the coaching staff the day after the fight and was disciplined for violating team rules.

"Shane was employed as security in the establishment at the time of the incident, although he was not working that night," Toledo said. "He told us he

helped break up an altercation between the manager and the complainant."

Another Bruins player, cornerback Ricky Manning Jr., turned himself in to police last week after he learned a felony warrant was issued for his arrest stemming from a fight outside a bar in April.

Manning was released after posting bond for one count of felony assault, a school spokesman said.

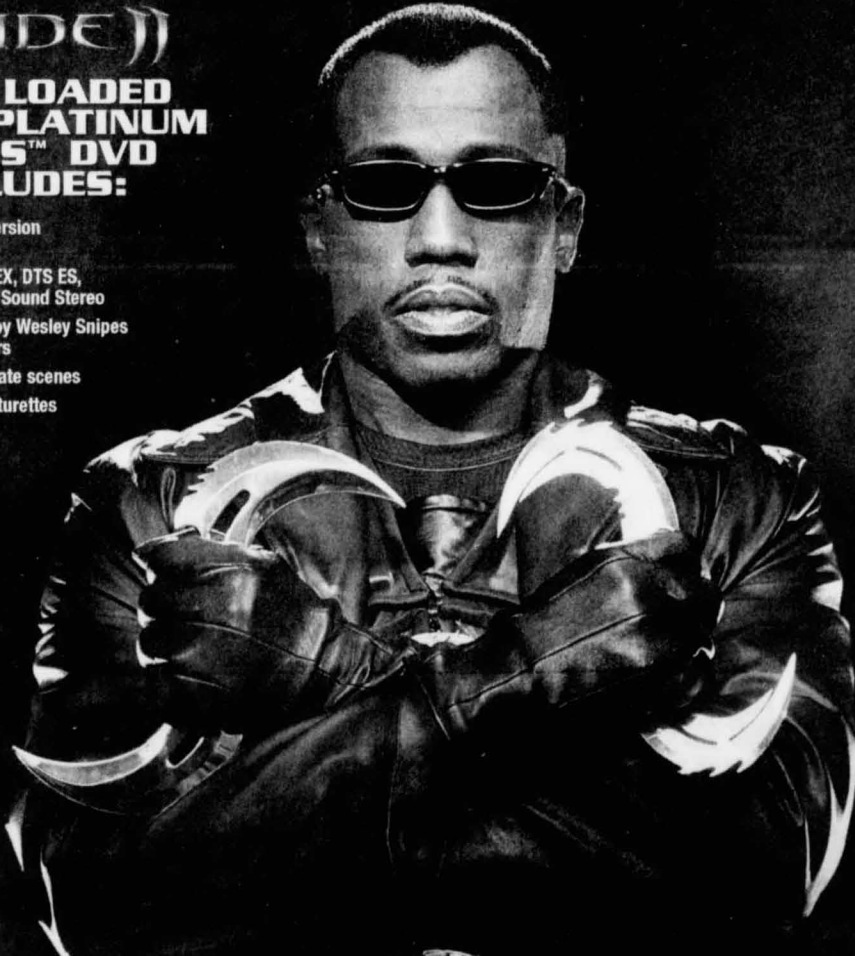
Toledo said then that Manning will remain a member of the team and will be allowed to play pending the outcome of the trial.

The Bruins begin the season Saturday night against the Rams at the Rose Bowl.

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2002 San Jose State University Volleyball Preview

Freshman Frost a key to Spartans '02 success

By Saadia Malik
Daily Staff Writer

Trying to match a 25-win season and a No. 24 national ranking won't be easy this year as the Spartan volleyball team tries to restore one of its most vital positions on the floor.

Freshman setter Cara Frost will be counted on to replace the departed Savannah Smith, who graduated this spring after posting 1,452 of the 1,720 San Jose State University assists in the 2001 season.

According to head coach Craig Choate, the top priority facing the Spartans this season is the replacement of four-year starter Smith with freshmen Frost.

"It's a huge feat to learn to be setter as a freshman," Choate said. "It's kind of like a rookie trying to be quarterback for a football team. It's really difficult."

"I know my role on the team isn't to be the star, but to give my support and do the best I can," said Frost, who joined the team after a standout high school career at Catalina Foothills High School in Tucson, Ariz., where she was named 2001 Southern Arizona Player of the Year. "I'm still getting used to the transition from high school to college. The more experience I get on the court, the more confident I'll get."

Some players echoed Choate's sentiments, that the team's biggest concern this season is at the setter position.

"Our biggest challenge is filling the



Spartan Setter Cara Frost sets the volleyball to one of her teammates during practice on Thursday at the Event Center.

position and making sure she's prepared to play," said senior middle blocker Stephanie Pascucci. "I've been there before. I know she's nervous, but she's the center of attention and has big shoes to fill."

According to Choate, Pascucci, along with junior middle blocker Liz Hudson, are the team's biggest assets

this season. Pascucci is the team's top returning hitter and Hudson was tabbed as the team's top all-around player.

Rounding out the top offensive threats are junior outside hitter Kimberly Noble (top returnee in kills) and junior transfer outside hitter Fran Pozzi, who was a Junior College All-American at Utah Valley State College last season.

"I expect those four players to carry us offensively," Choate said.

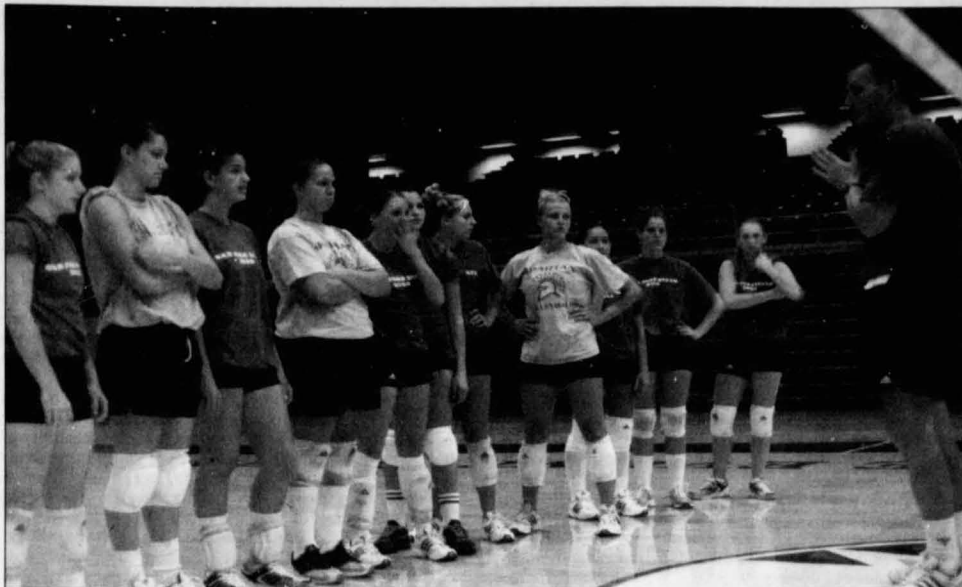
The team finished second in the Western Athletic Conference tournament behind the University of Hawai'i last season and while Choate admitted, "it would be nice to beat Hawai'i," he said it was not one of the team's goals.

"We're talking about a program that is traditionally not even a Top-ten program. They're traditionally like a Top-five program. Can we beat them? Yes. Is it something we dwell on? No," he said.

"It would be crazy to dwell on that. It would take probably the best match we've ever played in history," Hudson concurred, but said subtle improvements could make all the difference.

"They are so much taller than us and they jump so much higher," Hudson said. "So if we improved little things like passing and serving, it would make a huge difference."

This season the team seeks the same goal they do every season: to win 20 games and qualify for the



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Members of the San Jose State University volleyball team listen head coach Craig Choate, right, during practice at the Event Center on Thursday. Last year, the Spartans had one of their most successful seasons in school history, going 25-8 and reaching the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

NCAA postseason tournament.

Choate said he is confident the team can pull it off again as long as they stick to their trademark strategy of gritty play. However, all that may not be needed without strong play from the setter position.

"We need to get back to the competitive atmosphere that we had last season," Choate said.

The players seem to be on the same page when it comes to the team's strengths and weaknesses. Hudson and senior outside hitter Christina Lukens agree that the strategy must be their ability to get along.

"Team chemistry is a big deal

because we're not a huge team so we need to work well together," Hudson said.

Lukens said it is this mentality that makes it possible to have another strong season.

"People usually just roll over because it's Hawai'i and they are No. 4 in the nation," she said. "But they have their weaknesses just like any other team and hopefully we can get them on a weak spot and then keep going."

Last weekend the team placed second at the Golden Bear Invitational that included UC Berkeley, Tennessee-Martin, and Northern

A's look for American League consecutive win record tonight against Kansas City

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Oakland A's closer Billy Koch kept his hat tipped exactly halfway off his brow and held his hands motionless on his lap. His team was down a run in the ninth inning, and it needed all the good karma it could get.

It's part of baseball's charm that any run of success turns millionaire players into Little Leaguers afraid to jinx their team. The A's 19-game winning streak is the majors' longest in 55 years — which simply means there's much more cause for caution.

"Of course, it's all in your head, but you don't want to be the one who ruined it," said Koch, who has nine saves and two victories since the streak began Aug. 13. "Guys have the same pregame ritual, or they sit in the same

spot in the dugout. I think everybody's washing their uniforms, though."

Koch's rituals worked — even though he allowed a home run Sunday that left Oakland in trouble. But the A's rallied for a 7-5 victory over Minnesota, with Miguel Tejada hitting a three-run homer in the ninth inning to end it.

A day later, Tejada got another game-ending hit against the Kansas City Royals, stretching Oakland's streak to 19 and tying the 1906 Chicago White Sox and 1947 New York Yankees for the best run in American League history.

"We realize this is something for the record books," pitcher Barry Zito said. "It's so big that it's not going to set in for a while. Maybe when we're in the

playoffs, we'll look back and say, 'Man, we were hitting on all cylinders for a long time there.'"

After resting on Tuesday, the A's will go for their record-breaking 20th straight victory Wednesday night, with Tim Hudson pitching against Royals ace Paul Byrd.

The A's streak is the third-longest since 1900. The New York Giants set the major league record with 26 consecutive wins in 1916 — an age of near daily doubleheaders in September and monthlong homestands that allowed the Giants to play every game of their streak at the Polo Grounds.

The A's must chase the Giants in the record books, but it's important to note that New York actually played a

1-1 tie midway through the streak in a game called due to weather. The tie didn't count in the standings but statistics from the game stood.

The only team with a longer streak and without ties was the 1935 Chicago Cubs, who won 21 in a row. The 1880 Cubs also won 21 straight, but that streak included a tie.

Each time Tejada raps a game-winning hit or one of their powerful starting pitchers beats an overmatched opponent, the A's remind the baseball world that it doesn't take a big budget to do big things.

Their payroll and fan support are among baseball's smallest. They also lost Jason Giambi — their unquestioned team leader and top run-producer last season — to the big-money Yankees.

The majority of the A's key players are in their first five seasons in the majors. Many of them were drafted by Oakland general manager Billy Beane, and they don't know any clubhouse atmosphere other than the good-natured fraternity house managed by Art Howe at the Coliseum, where everybody seems to get along.

Oakland has moved from third place in the AL West to the top of the league during the streak. The A's have outscored opponents 129-54 — and they've only trailed in a handful of innings.

The A's won in the season's early months, but they struggled for an identity. They've found it during the streak — Tejada has assumed Giambi's role as the A's big bat, and

Oakland's starting rotation of Mark Mulder, Cory Lidle, Zito and Hudson has been the best in baseball.

Even with one of the greatest runs in major league history, the A's are far from sewing up a playoff spot. The Anaheim Angels have remained only a handful of games behind Oakland in the division race, and the Seattle Mariners are well within striking distance as a wild-card contender.

After a weekend series in Minnesota, the A's finish the regular season with 20 straight games against division foes, including eight against the Angels and six against the Mariners. The winning streak will almost certainly be over by then, but the A's hope to take these good feelings all the way to October.

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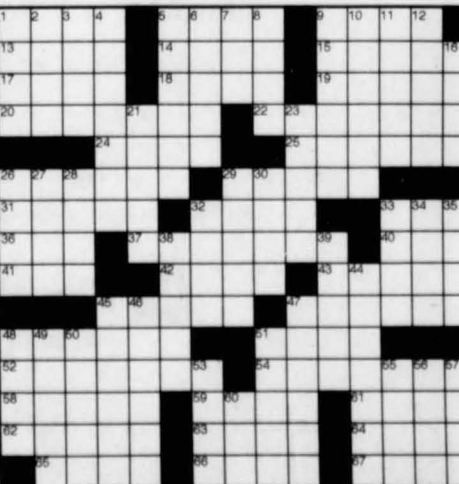
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Delaware judge blocks sale of Napster to Bertelsmann

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Delaware bankruptcy judge has blocked the sale of former song-swap leader Napster to its chief financial investor, Bertelsmann AG, marking the death of a deal that might have revived the service as a legitimate music-sharing network.

Judge Peter J. Walsh made the ruling Tuesday in Wilmington, Del., according to spokeswoman for both Bertelsmann and Napster. Walsh cited conflicting loyalties by Napster's top executive as the reason for killing the deal.

Bertelsmann had sought to purchase the remains of the defunct Napster network for an additional \$8 million after having already sunk \$85 million into the Redwood City-based company to keep it afloat. Napster has been off line for more than a year.

Suits by several major record labels effectively destroyed Napster. Those record companies also filed motions in the bankruptcy case, vigorously objecting to the sale of the company to Bertelsmann.

A&M Records, Geffen Records, Interscope Records and other labels objected to the proposed Bertelsmann buyout, citing a reticence on the German media giant's part to turn over documents related to the loans and relationships between Napster and Bertelsmann.

Napster CEO Konrad Hilbers, a Bertelsmann veteran, said the judge's decision likely will force Napster to change its reorganization effort into a Chapter 7 liquidation.

"Napster is disappointed with the bankruptcy court's decision not to approve the sale of the company's assets to Bertelsmann. As a result of the record companies' and music publishers' opposition, Napster's creditors will be

denied substantial repayment and the company will likely be forced into Chapter 7 liquidation," Hilbers said in a statement.

"As with most start-up technology businesses, Napster's technology is of little value without the talented team that created it, so it is an occasion of loss on many levels."

Hilbers' divided allegiance between Napster and Bertelsmann drew scrutiny from Walsh as he looked at the proposed sale. The judge said he wanted to hear from someone who was in on negotiations, especially Hilbers. Hilbers did not attend hearings on the bankruptcy matter.

The record companies objecting to the sale questioned Bertelsmann's financing of an operation deemed to violate copyright infringement by U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel in California.

"The \$72.5 million in funding provided by Bertelsmann to Napster was advanced, in each case, in a lump sum and without any procedures put in place to ensure that it would not be used to run Napster's illegal copyright infringement business," the record labels said in a recent court filing.

Napster's song swap servers have been down since July 2001 when Patel ruled that Napster comply with her order to rid its network of unauthorized copyright recordings.

Bertelsmann issued a short statement Tuesday, acknowledging it would not succeed in its purchase of the vanguard technology company that changed the way millions of computer users acquired and listened to music.

"We accept the court's decision that the sale of Napster's assets to Bertelsmann has been denied and that the purchase process will not proceed," Bertelsmann said.

Professor back on campus after suspension for lying

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass. (AP) — Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Joseph Ellis returns to Mount Holyoke College this week after a one-year suspension for lying about serving in Vietnam, and students said there are certain to be questions about why he did it.

"There will be some awkwardness," said Erica Stock, a junior who is one of 49 students registered for Ellis' class The American People, a survey of American history from early European explorers to the Civil War.

Fifteen students have signed up to take his other class, a freshman seminar on the American Revolution.

"He'll probably say something to make it more comfortable," said Stock, who is student government president. "He almost has to."

Ellis, reached at home, declined to discuss his return in detail, saying, "I'm going to be focusing my energy on teaching and my students."

"Eventually, if I do want to tell a version of my story, I'll probably do it in a published form," he said.

Ellis, 58, who won the 2001 Pulitzer in history for his best seller "Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation," was suspended last August, two months after The Boston Globe reported he falsely told his students that he had fought in Vietnam.

He was in the Army in the 1960s and '70s and was on the history faculty at West Point but was discharged without ever serving overseas.

The college suspended him after he apologized for "having let stand and later confirming the assumption that I went to Vietnam."

In a statement, President Joanne Creighton said only: "The college is satisfied that Professor Ellis has

completed his term of suspension and we welcome him back into the Mount Holyoke College community."

Ashley Kee, an English major starting her last year at Mount Holyoke, said she stands by the school's decision to let Ellis return to the all-women liberal arts campus of 2,000 students. But as the daughter and granddaughter of combat veterans who served in Desert Storm, Vietnam and Korea, Kee said she has little use for Ellis.

"It was extremely disgraceful for him to do what he did," Kee said. "I could never justify taking a class with him — somebody I don't respect."

Some veterans who were outraged when they learned of Ellis' fabrication said the professor has paid the right price.

"If a man makes a mistake, he should be forgiven," said Bill Hubbard, commander of the American Legion Post 260 in South Hadley. "That's our system. That's the American way."

Other outsiders questioned the wisdom of allowing Ellis to come back.

David Garrow, a professor at Emory University and Pulitzer winner for a biography on the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., criticized the college for putting "someone with this track record back in front of its students."

"Spinning fictional fantasies in class to your students is without argument a hanging crime," Garrow said.

But some students said they are more interested in learning from Ellis' scholarship than in examining his personal integrity.

"The mistake he made was a personal mistake," said Cara Cookson.

McDonald's: oil will halve fries' trans fat

OAK BROOK, Ill. (AP) — McDonald's plans to use a new cooking oil for its french fries that it says will do less damage to the diet.

The nation's biggest hamburger restaurant chain said Tuesday the new oil will halve the trans fatty acid levels in its french fries while increasing the amount of the more beneficial polyunsaturated fat. Health experts say replacing saturated fats with unsaturated ones can help lower cholesterol levels.

Dr. Meir Stampfer, a professor of nutrition at Harvard School of Public Health, called the move a big step and said he hopes McDonald's eventually eliminates all trans fatty acids from its food. "If we can get rid of trans fat in the diet, we could prevent thousands of heart attacks every year," he said.

The change comes about a month after a man sued McDonald's and three other fast food chains, claiming their food made him obese.

The 56-year-old man said he weighed 272 pounds, had heart attacks in 1996 and 1999 and has diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. He said he ate fast food for decades, believing it was good for him until his doctor cautioned him otherwise.

McDonald's also was sued last year by vegetarian groups for using beef flavoring while claiming its fries were vegetarian. The company in May agreed to pay \$10 million to organizations that support vegetarianism.

LAPTOPS | Could save students money

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increase efficiency in the classroom by giving students access to instant information that can be immediately applied in class.

According to Barbara Gottesman, the educational leadership department works a great deal with statistical information supplied by the state. The customized content of the new software will enable students to access and analyze information as a class.

"This opened a whole new world," said Gottesman. "It's progressively going to get better and better."

According to Dennis Wilcox, director of journalism and mass communications, the laptop project will help prepare students for the real world.

"Part of our obligation (as school faculty) is to make sure (students) are prepared journalists," said Wilcox.

Laptops can run high in price and when the cost of software is added, can cost students more than \$1,500, according to Wilcox.

The Financial Aid Office is working out a system of payment for students who rely on assistance for tuition and

school supplies.

According to Milnes, the cost of the computer should be covered under financial aid, but another possibility is a "rent-to-own" laptop, where students receive a laptop and can pay a monthly amount that would go toward their balance.

Not all students are thrilled about the added cost of their education.

Scott Steindorf, a senior photography student in the Bachelor of Fine Arts program, sees the pilot program as a waste of money.

"I don't think it's fair to encourage more expenses on students," Steindorf said. "I don't really see the benefits of a more integrated system."

According to Milnes, the implementation of laptops could actually save students money by cutting down on the number of required books, and laptops also last three or four years.

Steindorf thinks that instead of mandating laptops, SJSU should create an additional computer lab.

According to Wilcox, one opportunity of the laptop project is the potential for every classroom to become a functional computer lab.

While the pilot program at SJSU has just lifted off the ground, many students across the world are veteran laptop users.

In 1988, Drew University in Madison, New Jersey began requiring students to purchase notebook computers to be used in their classes.

At the same time, many Australian schools began mandating computers, a trend that continued into many private U.S. schools, such as Stanford Law School, Albertson College of Idaho and Bethel College of Tennessee.

While it's impossible to see what the future holds for SJSU, many members of faculty are eagerly awaiting the technology boom that is beginning to shake the campus.

"Technology is a way to enhance opportunities," Lindstrom said. "It's a tool."

According to Wilcox, the program will not be without bumps, and its success relies on students and faculty working together.

"This is a risk," Wilcox said. "But risks are meant to be taken. Risks are the only way to go forward."



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